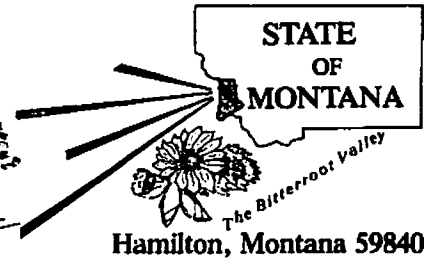
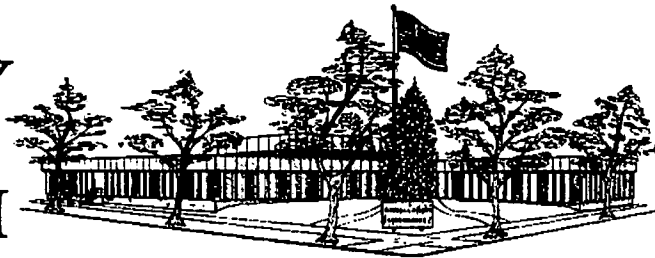


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Lyn Hellegaard
Intercity Transit Coordination Team
2820 S. Higgins Avenue
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Dear Ms. Hellegaard,

Please accept this as the Ravalli County Commission's support of the Intercity Transit Coordination Team.

We recognize several benefits to the communities located in the counties of Missoula, Ravalli, Lake and Sander as a whole being achieved through this project. The project will address many TDM and safety goals that have been discussed by the local Transportation Advisory Committees.

- This project will address the needs of developing a plan for a sustainable and expandable transit connection between the communities located on the Highway 93 corridor and access to the urban community of Missoula.
- This project will develop a plan for much needed transportation options to employment and educational opportunities for low to moderate income Montanans.
- This project would develop a plan for providing much needed transportation options which will allow for individuals to live in their community of choice.
- This project would develop a plan for providing a much needed intercity transportation option which will allow for home ownership when it would be financially impossible in the urban communities.
- This project will address some congestion issues on Highway 93.

We understand this is one of many needed steps for expanding transportation in Western Montana and are looking forward to the continued cooperative relationship between team members.

Sincerely,

Greg Chilcott, Chair
Ravalli County Commission